
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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Mr. Tomas Torres
Director, Water Division
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

**Subject: Transmittal of Board Resolution No. R5-2018-0079 Approving the
2018 Basin Plan Triennial Review and Workplan for the Sacramento
and San Joaquin River Basins and the Tulare Lake Basin**

Dear Mr. Torres,

During a public hearing on 6 December 2018, the Central Valley Water Board (Board) approved Board Resolution No. R5-2018-0079 (attached), and thereby adopted the 2018 Basin Plan Triennial Review and Workplan for the Sacramento and San Joaquin River Basins and the Tulare Lake Basin. The adopted Workplan identifies the high-priority basin planning projects that Board staff will focus on during the next three years, and explains the criteria used to rank the projects, either as Rank 1 (existing commitments), Rank 2 (special status), Rank 3 (projects that meet 3 or more of the prioritization criteria) and Ranks 4-5 (projects that meet 1-2 prioritization criteria).

Central Valley Water Board staff will prioritize Basin Planning resources as part of the annual Portfolio Management work planning process to implement projects identified in Ranks 1 through 3. As projects are completed, staff will begin work on other ranked projects as resources allow.

The Rank 1 projects include the following:

- Dissolved Oxygen Objectives
- Delta Nutrient Research Plan
- Fungicides and Herbicides
- Pyrethroid Research Plan
- Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers Organochlorine Pesticides Re-evaluation

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- Delta Methylmercury Control Program
- Implementation of the Clear Lake Nutrient Control Program

There is one Rank 2 project, Support for Basin Planning and Implementation Activities related to the Proposed Salt and Nutrient Control Program. Rank 3 projects include the following:

- Tribal Beneficial Uses
- Municipal Beneficial Use in Oil Production Zones
- Appropriate Beneficial Use Designations in Agriculturally-dominated Water Bodies and Agricultural Conveyance Facilities
- Temperature Criteria and Objectives
- Ammonia Water Quality Objectives
- Comprehensive Pesticide Control Program
- Statewide Mercury Control Program for Reservoirs
- Central Valley Rivers Mercury Control Program
- Watershed-based Plan Implementation and Update for Battle Creek
- Reassessment of Beneficial Uses and Water Quality Objectives in Specific Reaches of the Pit River
- Development of Procedures to Define and Determine Naturally-occurring Background Conditions

On 16 October 2018, Board staff circulated a public notice of the December 6th hearing and the Triennial Review documents for public comment. The following records are transmitted herein: Resolution No. R5-2018-0079, the public notice, 2018 Basin Plan Triennial Review and Workplan, and Board staff's response to comments received on the draft Workplan.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Walter Plachta at (559) 445-5576, or via email at Walter.Plachta@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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Attachments (Resolution No. R5-2018-0079, the public notice, 2018 Basin Plan Triennial Review and Workplan, and Board staff's response to comments received on the draft Workplan)

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